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Reply to:

Vernal Office

State of Utah  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
Attn: D. Wayne Hedberg  
P.O. Box 145801  
Salt Lake City Utah 84114-5801

RE: Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

As per our telephone conversation, we are writing to request an extension of time to submit the Ziegler replacement surety to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. In your letter dated July 19, 2001, you stated you wanted the replacement surety within 60 days of receipt of the letter. Zeigler is currently corresponding with Mr. Bob Brady at Great American Insurance Company in New York. Due to the unfortunate circumstances that have occurred in downtown New York, the Great American Insurance Co. building has been closed and it is unknown when they will be able to return to work. We request that an extension be allowed for Ziegler's replacement surety and will submit the bond as soon as the insurance company can get it issued to Zeigler.

Very truly yours,

McKEACHNIE, ALLRED,  
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cc: Gordon Zeigler, President  
Bill Hyland, Finance  
Stan Wagner, Mine Superintendent

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